Committee on status of women

1790. PROF. ALKA BALARAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up a high powered committee comprising eminent persons and experts to study the status of women in the country in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;

(c) whether Government has since examined the recommendations and proposes to implement/adopt the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Contractors under ICDS

1791. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that contractors are flourishing in Rs. 2,000 crore plus supplementary Nutrition Programme under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), despite apex court orders; and

(b) if so, in which States contractor Raj in actively functioning and the details of action Government has taken against those States in the interest of crores of children and expecting mothers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court, *vide* its Order dated 7th October, 2004 had, *interalia*, directed all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations that "the contractors shall not be used for supply of nutrition in Anganwadis and preferably Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS) funds shall be spent by making use of village communities, self-help groups and mahila mandals for buying of grains and preparation of meals". This was also reiterated by Hon'ble Supreme court *vide* its Order dated 13.12.2006 and 22.4.2009.

(b) The information is being gathered and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Workshops and seminars of NCW

†1792. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workshops and seminars organized in the country by the National Commission for Women (NCW) during the last five years and on which subjects thereof;

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